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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF EGYPTIANS IN SAUDI F-5 PROGRAM

REF: A. CAIRO 12855 (SECSTATE 300258)

B. JIDDA 8358

1. THE EGYPTIAN PILOT AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING PROGRAM IN SAUDI F-5S IS ABOUT TO ENTER A MORE SENSITIVE STAGE. CHUSMTM DHAHRAN ADVISES THAT THE PROGRAM IS CONTINUING AND THAT EGYPTIAN PILOTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN FLYING F-5E'S ABOUT 10 JAN 1976. HE ALSO ANTICIPATES INCREASED PRESSURE TO HAVE USAF INSTRUCTOR PILOTS FLY WITH EGYPTIANS.

2. THE CRITICAL DATE FOR THE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS IS 14 JAN 76 WHEN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WILL BE COMPLETED. AFTER THIS DATE, RSAF IS EXPECTED TO ASK NORTHROP TO CONDUCT MAINTENANCE TRAINING.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REF A THAT EGYPT IS WILLING TO TERMINATE PROGRAM. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOW-UP BY EMBASSY CAIRO TO ENSURE AN EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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